Listing of the Claims:

The listing of claims below, wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough indicates deletions, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A method for accessing ~~distributing~~ a message ~~and a video stream~~ in a conditional access system, the method comprising:

receiving authorization information with ~~the video stream by~~ a first conditional access receiver;

generating a first authorization for use of a separately received content object ~~the video stream~~ by ~~the first conditional access receiver~~ a plurality of set top receivers;

~~receiving first authorization information with the first conditional access receiver;~~

performing a first determination to test if ~~the~~ a first set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

receiving authorization information with a second conditional access receiver;

performing a second determination to test if a ~~the~~ second set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

blocking access to the separately received content object by ~~receipt of the message with~~ the first set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver as a function of ~~based, at least in~~

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~~part, upon the~~ determining if the first <u>set top</u> ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized;

and

<u>blocking access to the separately received content object by</u> ~~receiving the message~~

~~with~~ the second <u>set top</u> ~~conditional access~~ receiver <u>as a function of</u> ~~based, at least in part,~~

~~upon the~~ determining if the second <u>set top</u> ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized.

10. (Currently amended) The method for <u>accessing a</u> ~~distributing the~~ message in

~~the~~ <u>a</u> conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ blocking <u>access to the</u>

<u>separately received content object</u> ~~receipt of the message~~ comprises ignoring a portion of

a datastream associated with the ~~message~~ <u>separately received content object</u>.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) The method for <u>accessing a</u> ~~distributing the~~ message in

~~the~~ <u>a</u> conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the ~~message~~ <u>separately</u>

<u>received content object</u> comprises a software program.

13-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as

recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a video

content.

28. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises an audio content.

29. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises firmware.